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HERE . . . AND THERE

(By W. L. D., Jr.)

You can blame the Lindbergh kidnaping tragedy upon the speed laws of 1910. It was the universal breaking of speed laws that broke down the respect of the country for law—that made lawbreaking a general institution. When the upright and average citizen of 1900 or thereabouts found he violated the speed laws so easily—and got away with it—a precedent was established which has made it possible by degrees for a highly organized criminal element to virtually control the country. The prohibition law didn't help much, either. And you and I and our relatives and neighbors are responsible for the whole condition. We cannot laugh that one off.

A Southern Pacific official recently said: "If private carriers for hire, using publicly owned facilities are not to be regulated, then all regulation now applicable to the common carrier railroads should be repealed and the rails given complete freedom from regulation." Now I am not a "corporation man" but I am inclined to agree. The railroads did reap a harvest at the time, but the fact remains they DID, alone almost, make possible the rapid development of the west. And today they pay a huge percent of the cost of government, local and national. On the other hand, the stages for a few dollars in taxes and licenses, cost the automobile owner and the average citizen much more than necessary for his own use in the building of roads. Highways have to be built much heavier for their use and that of heavy freight trucks. And the toll of lives and property is much heavier due to truck hauling than is caused by the railroads. There are many accidents on any main artery that carries a large amount of trucking.

The defeat of the Sharkey oil bill proves that you "can't fool all the people all the time." A lot of us don't know entirely what it was all about, but we think we have a faint idea.

LATEST NEWS ITEMS — Shell Union has cut down it deficit in March quarter, being only $2,742,300 vs. $10,453,472 in like quarter of 1931 . . . Pacific Tel & Tel earned $1.49 a share in first three months of 1932 . . . Claude Neon electrical products earned its dividend . . . Auburn is said to be planning a new low-priced car to sell at $450 . . . A new radio without tubes is announced.

Angels Camp will pay 12c each for 100 frogs over five inches long, according to an ad. in the Calaveras Prospect. Proving there can be romance even in frogs. The celebration there tomorrow and Sunday will draw thousands . . . Oroville is also staging a gold celebration, headed by California's official "opener", Jim Rolph . . .Frogs or governors—anything to make us forget there is supposed to be a "repression."

Incidentally, the frogs will probably draw as many to Angels Camp as the governor will to Oroville. Frogs over five inches long are not so common.

Stanley Bailey, Portola editor, says "When the Reporter wants to attack an individual or an issue it will do so, either in front page editorials or in its editorial columns." Just a dash of the old west. And we'll bet people read his paper.

Editor George R. Burris of Burris Publications (The Mojave-Randsburg Record-Times) in discussing price of silver and the Pittman Bill wants to know "how long; oh, how long will we kid along with a two-bit dollar." When we get a silver dollar that is actually worth a dollar, instead of two-bits, we will have gone a long ways toward an even better prosperity.

There will be a brand-new silver quarter out of the mint June 1, bearing the face of George Washington. But in doing this, the government is slandering the immortal George, who cannot defend himself. He was taken at his face value. But a silver quarter is only worth about seven cents.

One of the biggest weekly newspapers in the state is the neighboring Auburn Journal. But Auburn advertisers support it, making a big paper and a good paper. Most editors know how to produce a really worthwhile newspaper, but are handicapped by lack of sufficent local support. Advertisers who support a local newspaper aid themselves to a greater degree than they do the newspaper. Non-advertisers merely exist, as a rule.

Mrs Elsie P. Willoughby, publisher of The California Mining Journal, has sold a half interest to B. M. Kester. We wish the new firm success. They are producing a really excellent periodical devoted to California mining.

Modoc paper says the supervisors should fix the budget We sometimes think there has been too much "fixing" of budgets already.

We read an item in a Sausalito paper whcih gives food for thought Party wants to know, in regard to the agitation against hoarded wealth, how much bootleggers and gangsters all over the country are hiding because of fear of banking it. Probably many millions in the aggregate.

Snow is melting fast in the back country, and soon there will be much activity in gravel and ledge.

THE AMERICAN GOLD DOLLAR IS SUPREME

"When England went off the gold standard and dragged a number of smaller nations along with her, doubts were expressed as to the ability of the United States to retain her gold standard.

These doubts were due to the knowledge that (1) European owned securities were being heavily pressed for sale in American markets, (2) the United States was faced with the necessity of balancing its budget, and (3) that France was virtually raiding our gold holdings, while all Europe was engaged at the same time in making heavy withdrawals of our metal.

After months of the severest kind of a drain on our stock of gold, the Amercian Gold Dollar stands forth as impregnable and unshaken. Its position is now recognized throughout the world as unshakable.

So strong is it regarded, that in France—that country of hard-headed investors—the American $20 gold pieces commands a 5% premium. Frenchmen are glad of the opportunity to pay the equivalent of $21 for an American $20 coin.

That premium is a conscious tribute to our fundamentally sound financial structure and to our unassailable gold position. It recognizes the enormous gold reserves in back of our dollars and our ability to maintain the gold standard under all possible conditions and contingencies.

It is now conceded that no other nation in the history of the world could have stood such a severe strain on its resources as this country was obliged to withstand in the last six months of 1931.

Yet, our Federal Reserve Bank System continued to hand over all the gold to which Europe could establish any legitimate claim, and calmly announced its intention and ability to keep on doing so.

As a result, the United States emerged a pillar of strength in a storm-tossed economic world, and raised the hopes of terror-stricken Europe which had firmly expected to see a complete breakdown of our financial system.

That amazing display of equanimity and strength on the part of this nation dispelled the gloom that hung over the earth last year, based on the belief that a complete economic chaos was about to descend upon mankind.

Timid and doubting Americans should take well to heart the lesson implied by America's courageous stand—a lesson that has been thoroughly learned by Europeans—that The American Gold Dollar Is Supreme, and will remain so."

For the benefit of our readers we will gladly furnish information, free, on any and all subjects relating to economic and financial situations or particular securities and also supply analyses and interpretations of news developments as affecting such issues.

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CITY OFFICERS ELECTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

At a recent meeting R. J. Bennetts was re-elected president of the city council of Nevada City, which carries the title of mayor.

The board appointed Herbert Hallet, driver of the city fire truck, as chief of police, this position heretofore being held by L W. Jennings. Mr Jennings will act as tax collector He has been in poor health for several weeks.

Miss Ada Rich was reappointed city water collector, and W C. Jeffrey night watchman.

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FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION LOOMS

Last Tuesday night's meeting of the Nevada City Chamber of Commerce was turned into a mass meeting of a large group of citizens who attended to attest their interest in the celebration of July Fourth. George Calanan was appointed chairman of the Celebration Committee and the following members of the committee were selected: E. W. Schreiber, C W Leiter, George W Gildersleeve and H E. Kjorlie.

Financial support was readily promised by the business houses of Nevada City.

A sum of $300 remains in the bank from the celebration of two years ago. This brings the total pledged and in the bank to over $800. It is felt that this will stage a very creditable celebration.

The general committee will interview those who had floats two years ago and ascertain if they will enter floats this year

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Uncle—"What are you going to be when you grow up, John?"

Nephew—"The same as you, uncle—an insulting engineer."

LINDBERGH BABE FOUND DEAD

The body of the long-lost son of Colonel and Mrs. Charles Lindberg, the most famous couple, perhaps, of all history, was found badly decomposed in the woods near their home yesterday, radio messages revealed just before going to press. Details will follow later.

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LIGHTS, POWER OFF TODAY

According to advices received last night from the Pacific Gas and Electric company, lights and power will be shut off between 1:30 and 3:00 p. m. today in the Nevada City district. This action is necessitated by certain changes in the line system, it was stated to The Nugget.

OLD SHANGHAI MINE IS NOW LUCKY STRIKE

The old Shanghai mine, located a half mile south east of Nevada City was recently leased by John Solaro, George Bradfield and Frank Smith from Mr. Alexander, the owner, and is now about ready to again begin producing California's antidote for the depression—GOLD.

After acquiring the property the first act was to change the name from old Shanghai to the Lucky Strike", and from indications, the name is appropriate, for each car load of gravel contains a high value in heavy gold, making it certain to be a very well paying proposition.

About seventy feet of incline shafting goes directly down to the gold bearing gravel channel. The vein of the Pittsburgh and the New England runs through the property and as the Lucky Strike is very ideal for drifting and for hoisting, the venture will probably exceed the most far-fetched dreams of the three young argonauts.

The mill, hoist and pump are all operated at the most nominal of costs by water pressure An eight inch pipe-line has been run up the hill from the mine to the Nevada Irrigation District ditch to bring down the necessary horse power to make the hoist turn. The verticle drop from the ditch to the mine is, roughly, a hundred feet giving them plenty of pressure for their machinery with a very wide margin to spare.

The boys are installing a drum type mill for breaking and pulverizing the gravel before running it through the sluices.

The shaft is about 70 feet deep and after they have cleaned it out plans are to drift to the northwest or toward Nevada City on this rich old Town Talk channel. The channel in a northease by south east direction.

They are installing a mill that will be run by water and handle about 30 tons of gravel daily

Over fifty-seven years ago, the old Shanghai diggings was pecked and scratched by the original owner, and twenty thousand dollars in gold was extracted. Later Hobart and Lord worked it and ran in a tunnel. In a few years they sold out to Jim Kitts and wandered away to enjoy a life of leisure and freedom from financial worries. How long they managed to enjoy themselves is not on record, but the money-sacks probably remained heavy for a considerable time

Jim Kitts remained on the property and hydraulicked nearly twenty thousand dollars for himself and then Warren and Henry Kitts decided to take a fling at mining, and with a few others (names unknown) bought the property and set up a two stamp mill crushing gravel. The partners worked there making only small wages and later became discouraged and quit. Since then the mine has lain idle for years.

Now Solaro, Bradfield and Smith have begun another era in the history of the old Shanghi ,and everyone is wishing them the best of luck in their search for the golden fleece in their staunch new vessel, the Lucky Strike.

The Lucky Strike will begin proving its worth in about a week and will possibly afford employment for a few extra men.

Although the three boys are not experienced miners they are highly enthusiastic over their prospects, and are impatiently awaiting the day they begin operations.

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ENGLEBRIGHT FAVORS THE PRESENT ARMY STANDARD

The army appropriation bill was before the house recently and efforts to retain in the measure the estimates made by the war department for the Reserve Officers Training Corps and the Citizens Military Training Camps were made by Representatives Englebright and Barbour of California. They look upon the slashes suggested as being false economy and agree with the views exprssed in the telegram sent from President Hoover's brother in California, protesting the doing away with these training camps. Theodore Hoover holds that, "the chief and almost only antidote to Communism and its allied forces in our social structure today is with the few thousand young men with proper dieas, turned out every years by these means."

President Hoover made an appeal to the people of the United States regarding lobbying holding up the efforts of the government to pass many bills. His brother was the first to send a protest after the appeal was made.

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Nye Johnson, of the Bret Harte Guernsey dairy of Nevada City, spent Mother's Day or last Sunday in Hamilton City with his parents.

KELLEY RECOMMENDS LOCAL ROAD BUILDING

The following is a copy of the letter received by Assemblyman Jerry Seawell from Earl Lee Kelley, chairman of the state highway commission:

Honorable Jerrold L. Seawell
Roseville, California,

Dear Jerry: Several days ago you talked to me concerning possible appropriations and allocations of funds for the Tahoe Ukiah highway, and I find that probably we will not be able to complete the Tahoe-Ukiah highway clear to Emigrant Gap by reason of the fact that we will not have sufficient funds in the secondary highway system.

However, I am going to recommend to the Highway Commission the following: Starting in at Emigrant Gap on route 37 back as far as the Spaulding canal a distance of 4.01 miles, the cost will be $190,000. I am going to recommend that project to the Highway Commission Also, from Washington road to about one-half mile east of the Summit there is 7.04 miles that has been constructed that will need surfacing and the estimated cost is about $110,000. I am also going to recommend that project, and also from Nevada City to about one mile west of Washington road is a distance of about 12.07 miles of surfacing. The engineer's estimate is about $140,000, and I am also going to ask for that appropriation In other words, that will be about $440,000. right in your immediate district on the Tahoe-Ukiah road and in addition to that there will be other smaller projects.

These that I have just enumerated have the approval of engineers, and if our money lasts out I am going to try to get all of them and I stand a very good chance I am sure, of those appropriations going through. This will leave a small gap in the Tahoe-Ukiah road from Spaulding canal ,back to the end of the present construction, and a bottle-neck will still exist there, but it will probably be possible for us to put that road in very good condition with our maintenance money.

This information is tentative only, but I hope to be able to secure favorable consideration for it, and I am sure that with your assistance we will go a long way towards accomplishing that purpose.

With my very warmest personal regards to you as always, I am,

Sincerely yours,
EARL LEE KELLEY.

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OROVILLE ATTRACTING MANY REAL MINERS

Many real miners, the men who handle pick, shovel, rockers, sluice boxes, and know "color" when they see it, have been arriving in Oroville for some time in anticipation of the celebration of the second annual state mining celebration which will be held for four days, commencing yesterday.

Many of these men have walked in some of them coming long distances, while some of the more successful are accompanied by one or two, plodding faithful, burros carrying all their masters possess. Regulation camps are springing up along the river and cronies of other years are aagin talking things over.

The "regulars" are bringing in gold dust and nuggets in varying quantities. Oroville banks and other buyers of the yellow metal will make sizeable shipments to the mint and smelters during the next ten days.

Merchants and business men are displaying an almost incredible amount of pioneer relics tools, implements and souvenirs in their windows, and the modern equipment some of it in action, will attract the attention of he large mine operators as well as the leasers, prospectors, and the pick and shovel mne.

Displays of nuggets and richly impregnated quartz pieces are numerous, with some of the collections being valued at thousands of dollars. So valuable is the Plumas county display that the possibility of loss is covered by a bond and the custodian will also be under bonds. This valuable collection will be in the bank of America building, and at night it will rest in the valuts of the bank.

The Butte mining exchange will have valuable exhibits of gold, silver platinum and other metals on display. Other percious metal specimens will be displayed at the rooms of the Oroville Chamber of Commerce.

There will be gold exhibits from sources as widely separated as Mariposa and Siskiyou counties.

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"You say that you are the sole support of a widowed mother, your father having recently been killed in an explosion. How did the explosion happen?"

"Mother says it was too much yeast, but Uncle Jim thinks it was too little sugar."

READ THIS AGAIN—THEN WEEP!

"For 75 fat and lean California years I have lived in the United States of America. I have sojourned in Europe. I have visited other American countries. There is no country on God's green earth where men, women and children are as well off as with us. I am an optimist in this, another of our periods of distress."

This was the statement of former Governor George C. Pardee, president of the East Bay Utility District in a radio address recently in the "Back to Good Times" program of Bank of America.

Former Governor Pardee spoke from California Hall at the University of California, the address being broadcast over stations KGO and KFI. His message scanned 150 years of recurring American business depression and prosperity.

"We all of us are financially ill; but believe me, our present illness is nowhere near to benig fatal as many of the others through which our predecessors and we have safely passed," former Governor Pardee continued. "And, from it we shall recover as surely as we have recovered from all the others and recovering we shall soon forget, as we have always forgotten, our present trials and tribulations.

"In times of war we have been always self-sacrificing. This depression, like all others through which we have passed, is a war against invasion of hard times. We have won every other war. We shall win this one.

"During our 150 odd years as a nation, we have had a number of seious panics or depressions—on the average one every 18 years.

"The first began in 1790. The next in 1819, twenty-nine years later. Eighteen years later came 1837. Fifteen years later came 1857. Fifteen years later 1873. Twenty years later 1893. Fourteen years later 1907. Twenty-two years later the present one.

"Six of these depressions came after wars—the Revolution, the War of 1812, the Mexican War, the Civil War, the Spanish War, the World War. All followed years of great prosperity, ending in wild speculation. During each it was prophesied that there could be no recovery. But, between each two the wealth of the country doubled.

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A CAPPELLA CHOIR TO BE HEARD HERE SATURDAY

Great interest is being aroused by the coming concert to be given in Nevada City at the Methodist church by the A Cappella Choir of the College of the Pacific. This program is sponsored by the Epworth League. Tickets are on sale at both drug stores and Colley's for the event, at 8 o'clock Saturday evening, May 14.

This choir was organized 16 years ago and up until now was the only choir singing without accompaniment west of the Rockies. A special feature of this year's trip is the appearance of Glen Halik, the violinist of the faculty, as soloist.

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OROVILLE MINE NEWS

Several teams of hard-rock miners are being sought by G. E .Brown to enter the drilling contest to be held each day in the Oroville mining celebration. $50 is offered as a first prize and a $100 purse is held for the awards.

The Nevada City band will play on rodeo day, May 14th

The American Legion drum and bugle corps contest for two prizes of $100 and $50 will be held Sunday. Hague-Thomas-Hegarty post drum and bugle corps of Nevada City and Grass Valley are among the twelve teams entered.

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LOCAL MINE TESTS MECHANICAL LOADER

R. P. Finlay of Salt Lake City, and one of the inventors of the Eimco-Finlay loading machines, held a demonstration in the Idaho-Maryland Monday. The mining company pronounced the machine a success. It will handle ore in a 4x7 foot stope being only 30x40 inches. It will make possible the handling of ores of much lower grade than heretofore.

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SISKIYOU CO. MINES ARE MAKING GOOD SHOWING

A force of men are at work cleaning out the fallen rock from the tunnels in the White Bear mine in the Slamon Mountain section of Siskiyou county. It is reported that a compressor will soon be installed in the mine to send air to the drills in the lower level tunnels.

George Bros. are now operating one of the largest hydraulic mines in the Salmon section, on the east fork of the Salmon river. They have a large head of water and the crew of men are constantly at work.

Rolph and Farnsworth have struck a very promising ledge of gold ore in Crosby Gulch.

The Parker and Smith hydraulic mines on the south fork of the Salmon river now have three large giants working. Farnsworth Bros are operating the property. Reports are that the property has been worked over fifty years and has a past production record of more than half a million dollars in gold

PROMISING OUTLOOK FOR MINES OF TWO COUNTIES

While there is not much of a newsy nature in the mines of the two counties of Nevada and Sierra at this time, but nevertheless they are working steadily. Since the snows have melted many men have gone to their properties to work. In the larger mines of Sierra county, such as the Standard, Ruby, 16-to-1, Brush Creek, and several others the mills are working and much development work is being done.

The Altaview Kirkpartick and Depot Hill, besides several nearby gravel properties are sluicing or hydraulicking. At the Depot Hill mine near Camptonville they have had a long season of hydraulicking in this rich old producer. The lowering of the cost of storage of the debris behind Bullards Bar dam from the hydraulic mines has been an added incentive to work also.

In the Nevada county mines the Boss mine, Empress Mining company, Murchie, North Star-Empire, Idaho-Maryland, are all running mills, while the Murchie, and Golden Center are doing development work from last reports. Some of these mines have several hundred men employed.

Many smaller mines are prospects are being opened with fair sized crews of men.

In the Washington district at present three or four mines are busily engaged in doing development work.

Many men are doing their assessment work all through the mountains, and hundreds of men are engaged in prospecting or washing the gravels of the Bear river, Deer Creek and the South, Middle and North Yuba rivers.

From now on until fall mining will proceed steadily, increasing as the months go by. Some of the new properties will be far enough advanced to proceed through the winter. Among these will be the Paine Bros. mine eleven miles north of Nevada City. This property is listed on the stock market at the present time under the name of Broken Hills Mining company.

It is expected that this wil lbe the best mining season that this section has experienced since before the World War. There has been an almost normal rainfall in the mountains and it gives more opportunity to develop many surface propositions.

The most important factor is the idea that there is more money to be had for mining than there has been for many years, due principally, to the stock market crash and the low prices of silver and copper.

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TAX COMMITTEE NAMED TO TRY LOWER RATE

The Nevada County Chamber of Commerce requested that a tax committee be named to study ways and means of securing a lower government cost and tax rate for the county. The following eleven organizations named members to a county tax committee.

The following names appear on the committees:

Rotary—Judge Raglan Tuttle, A. H. Moser, J. A Curnow.

Mining Association—A B Foote.

Grass Valley Chamber of Commerce—Harold Biggs, Vernon Stoll, Frank Eldredge.

Lions Club—H. W Westbrook, J B Stennett.

Womans' Improvement Club—Mrs H J Campbell.

Farm Bureau—Judge George L. Jones, H B Cox, C J Rolph.

Nevada City Chamber of Commerce and Grand Jury—E Schrieber, Charles Leiter, F F Cassidy, R J Bennetts, Jim Penrose, Lola Worth.

Land Owners Protective League—W Odell, Chandler Church, E. Breckenridge.

San Juan—William Clerkin.

Truckee—W. H Laity.

This organization is to meet Wednesday, May 18 at 7:30 in the Nevada Irrigation district offices in Grass Valley.

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NO SESSION OF GRAND JURY HELD NECESSARY

Judge Ragland Tuttle announced in the superior court that no session of the grand jury would be called to investigate the charge against Ernest Ferguson, who is held in the county jail accused of being an accessory after the fact of the murder of John Weeks by the latter's son, Henry Weeks.

Ferguson was in Judge O. W. Winburn's court in Grass Valley recently on preliminary examination. Young Henry Weeks, who made a statement to the authorities that Ferguson had helped him in carrying the body of his father to the abandoned shaft where it lay a month before being found, appeared in court, but would not repeat there the statement he had made to the officers.

Ferguson persistently denies participating in the crime and Judge Winburn, with Ferguson's consent, continued the hearing until June first to give the grand jury an opportunity to investigate.

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R. L Egenhoff of the U S Debris commission of Sacramento, was a business visitor on the San Juan ridge Wednesday

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Stanley Kurkul Found Dead—

The badly decomposed body of a man identified as Stanley Kurkul, 36, a Russian, was found in the NID canal near the Wasley ranch south of town. It is believed the man drowned himself in Scotts Flat dam and when the canal was opened Sunday the body floated in the ditch. He had lived in the Townsend house and was missed since about the first of April. He was a porter for a time at the hotel in Nevada City. The man has no relatives so far as known

Mrs. S. P. Cleave Dies—

Word was received this week that Mrs Sussanah P Cleave, 74, of Oakland had passed away. Mrs Robert Steger of Nevada City is a daughter. She was the sister of Mrs. John Marsh of Sacramento and a native of Nevada City

William O'Hearn Dies—

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon for the late William O'Hearn ,who passed away at the county hospital. He was aged 63 years and was a native of Nevada county. Mr. O'Hearn was a cigar maker by trade. He has many friends here who will regret his passing as he was always of a kindly, cheerful disposition.

Andrew Craig Passes—

Andrew Craig, 91, passed away at the County hospital Tuesday. He has lived in California 61 years and in Nevada county 52 years. A niece, Mary M. Craig of New York survives.

To Quiet Title—

Alice Hare has commenced action in the superior court against C. B Conlin et al, to quiet title to land situated near Cherokee. R. L Gilmore of Sacramnto is attorney for plaintiff

C. C. Mitchell Home—

C C Mitchell has returned from a most delightful trip to Honolulu. He met a former resident of Graniteville in the proprietor of the hotel he registered in. Robert Lee is doing well in the islands but gets homesick for a sight of the Graniteville country at times.

L. R. (Bob) Jefford, of Jefford and Son Funeral Home, of Nevada City and Grass Valley, was operated upon Wednesday morning at Jones Memorial hospital for appendicitis.

More than 60 students from the high and grammar schools and adults of Nevada City and surrounding district spent the week end in San Francisco viewing the United States navy anchored in the bay. There were also a number from Grass Valley. A special excursion train of the Nevada county narrow gauge railroad, was run to Colfax Sunday afternoon to meet them.

Misses Nadine Sutton, Dynes Foley and Helen Chapman, students at University of California, are home for the summer vacation.

Mrs. W. E .Wright is home from a visit with relatives in Oakland.

Mr. and Mrs. T A Lane of San Francisco spent last week end in Nevada City Mr. Lane returned Monday, and his wfe will remain for a longer visit.

Miss Clara Angiolini has returned from a couple of days spent in San Francisco on business. She is to remain here until her mother recovers her health.

Mr. and Mrs Ross Taylor who have been in Sacramento for a time passed thru Nevada City on their way home to Downieville

M. D. Coughlin and Miss Lenore Steger attended the funeral of the late Mrs. John Cleve in Oakland.

Judge and Mrs. J. M McMahon of Downieville were Nevada City visitors recently

Judge Raglan Tuttle presided in the superior court in Oroville Tuesday. George Walling accompanied him on the trip.

Mr and Mrs. Will Carter of Downieville are visiting his parents, Mr and Mrs. Randolph Carter in Nevada City

Mrs Joe Lavezzola of Downieville was a recent visitors in Nevada City.

Max Weiss, a retired army man, has purchased the service station at the junction of Commercial and Broad streets, from F B. Burkhart. Mr Burkhart bought the station from E W. Schmidt about a year ago.

Mrs Wade Armstrong and sister, Miss Lucy Ward, visited with Mr. Armstrong at the Woodland hospital this week. Dr R F. Werner accompanied the ladies on the trip.

Mrs. Will Young has as guests Wednesday evening her cousins Mrs S J Kinsman and John Delbridge of Grass Valley.

Herbert and Henry Paine, mining men of near Lake City were Nevada City visitors Wednesday.

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Yuba River Canyon County Bulletin No. 15—By J L Wolff.

We have entered the Yuba river canyon country through the Grass Valley-Nevada City gateway! traveled up the Yuba Pass highway and entered the canyon of the north ford of the Yuba river. After 12 miles unsurpassed scenery as we ride along the bottom of the canyon, the dark green curtains have been swept aside to suddenly disclose Downieville at our very feet

Downieville, with its '49er history and its remaining structures going back to the early gold days, is not a ghost town. It is alive and but for the automobiles one could well imagine that time had turned back 60 and 70 years. There it lies at the forks of the river, where the north fork of the north fork of the Yuba flows into the north fork of the Yuba river. As a matter of fact the earliest gold seekers who reached Downieville in the spring of 1849 referred to their settlement as "The Forks."

Major Downie and his party reached "The Forks" in November 1849 and stayed throughout the winter. Those who were ambitious dug around under the snow and delved into the crevices of the rocks along the river finding from 100 to 200 dollars worth of gold each day. The following spring hordes of men flooded "The Forks" and as always a suitable name was sought to bestow upon the settlement Major Downie was honored when the name chosen was "Downieville."

By this time hundreds of men were reaching Downieville daily. Each man was allowed a thirty foot claim and these were so rich that men who were making but $50 a day deserted such claims for new ones. At that time Downieville was a city of tents. In the endeavor to get the gold from the lowest point of the river the entire Yuba was carried in flumes between Downieville and Goodyears Bar. A framed drawing of the river being carried in flumes through Downieville, made by a contemporary artist, may still be seen at Lloyds restaurant and ice cream parlor.

The Steamboat company on Steamboat Bar below Slug canyon for several weeks in 1851 averaged $5000 a day in gold and it was customary among the early miners to divide the gold each day among the partners so as to avoid complications with defaulting cashiers. Another rich claim was on Durgan Flat, where four men had a 60 foot square claim. In eleven days they took out $12,000 of which $4,000 came out in one day. Then they sold out and three of the partners went back east. The new company did even better and in eleven days averaged $1500 per day per man The claim was then bought by the Bennett brothers who took a chance on what was left—and averaged $1200 each day until they sold out to others. Within six months it has past into several other hands and between them all over $80,000 had been produced from the surface of this 60 foot square. Tin Cup diggings were so called because three men in 1850 always stopped their days work when each had a level tin cup full of gold. And in the fall of that year at Gold Bluff a round nugget of twenty five pounds was found. Through it all bacon, salt pork, flour, and other victuals brought enormous prices in gold but whiskey was always comparatively cheap beacuse each saloon keeper made his own whiskey in his own back room.

It was during the 50's that a red shirted miner worked in the canyon of the North Fork and sometimes around Forest and Alleghany. At the same time there was the young widow of Dr. E J Bryant, daughter of Captain Hungerford a popular barber of the town. She supported herself by washing the miner's clothes and repairing them when necessary. From this start as a washerwoman in Downieville she finally reached the pinnacle of world society, a woman at whose table princes of the realm were happy to sit. At the insistence of this strong bronze miner she finally married him and it was their son who disinherited his daughter, many years later, for marrying a Jew from the east side by the name of—Irving Berlin! John Mackay was the miner and he later made a vast fortune out of the Comstock Lode. His son, Clarence Mackay, is today chairman of the board of the Postal Cable and Telegraph company—a field pioneered by his father.

The Downieville of today makes these memories seem close at hand.

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The Sierra county court house in Downieville is perhaps the most interesting of all court houses still serving a county in this state When it was first completed the board of supervisors held off accepting it for about two years because they claimed it was not up to specifications. Inasmuch as it was completed in 1852 and is still in perfect condition after eighty years of usefulness, almost from the start of California's colorful Gold Rush days thru all the years to this airplane age, those must have been most strenuous specifications. In the background stands the gallows with the thirteen steps leading up to the trap-door which was used on several occasions when counties were still hanging their own murderers. At the very edge of the court house tremendous piles of granite boulders fill a large space. It was here that the inconceivably rich river claims of 1850 and 51 were located, when men were disappointed who could make but a paltry one or two hundred dollars per day. After they had cleaned upon on what they though worth taking, the Chinese came in and laboriously tooka ll the boulders large and small from the bedrock of the north Yuba and piled them up in pyramid shapes which still stand as a reminder of their almost Herculean labors. The front of the court house grounds have been parked, and here are found some of the old cannons leading back to the early days and an arestta which was used by the pioneers in grinding the quartz so that the gold with which is was impregnated might be recovered.

Connecting the court house side of the north Yuba with the business section of Downieville is a steel bridge .It is upon this site that the first bridge was erected, and it was along that span the only woman ever to be executed by hanging in the state of California suffered the death penalty. She was a little Mexican dance-hall girl who had stabbed an Australian who attempted to force his way into her room. Feeling among the miners ran high; a court was at once instituted, and in spite of valiant efforts to defend the woman she was senenced to death and promptly executed. An early day partner of A Meyers of the Meyers and Lusk garage close to the end of the bridge was a witness to this episode. Mr Meyers still remembers distinctly the repeated descriptions of this tragedy.

The business section of Downieville is the new part of town for it was rebuilt about 1860 after one of the frequently recurring fires. However, some of the older buildings still remain, such as the brick building in which Antone Costa's grocery store is located. This was built in 1852 and withstood all the fires that swept the early town due to the massiveness of its stone walls. Within the store can be seen wonderful gold scales which originally cost one thousand dollars and were brought to Downieville on a pack mule three quarters of a century ago. A beautiful inscription reads, "Gold Standard Balance—Full Jeweled—Howard E. Davis, Boston, Mass." It was formerly used by the bank. The banker who purchased it was eventually run out of town because he manipulated the scales, and when he left, he was barely a coat tail's length ahead of a lynching gang. These scales have weighed several million dollars and Mr. Costa still uses them in buying the several hundred dollars worth of gold nuggets which are brought into him by river miners each month. The California State seal—Department of Weights and Measures now graces those scales together with a "License to engage in the business of milling, purchasing, gold silver, etc."

Across the street is the eating house of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lloyd where George Bynon, a former sheriff of Sierra county has loaned his very extensive collection of Californian. These early Gold Rush relics together with pictures, and other things belonging to the Lloyds should not be missed by the tourist.

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Rev Fr. O'Reilly is visiting in Reno.

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It stacks up like this: An optimist has no money, and a pessimist won't lend you any.

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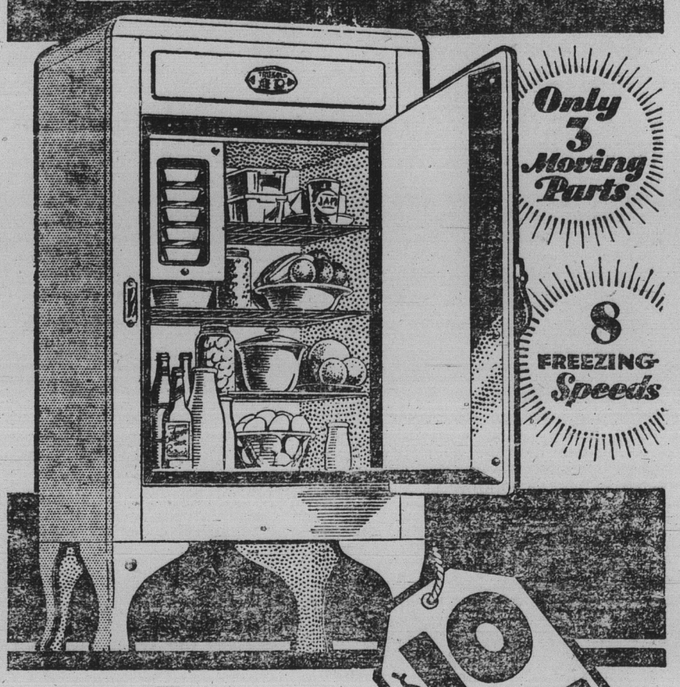

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—*U. S. Department of Labor*

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—*U. S. Department of Labor*

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NEVADA CO. UNDERTAKER GETS STATE WARNING

W. R. Jefford, undertaker of Nevada City and Grass Valley, has been warned by the State Bord of Funeral Directors and Embalmers, after a formal hearing on charges of misconduct, not to assume the duties of coroner.

Coroner A M Holmes, of Nevada county, who operates a competitive undertaking establishment, brought the charges against Jefford, who appeared before the board Tuesday to show cause why his license should not be revoked or suspended.

After concluding testimony C. H Reynolds, president of the board, stated the law had been violated and funeral directors should know the law. Jefford was given a warning. Two charges of soliciting business were brought up by Coroner Holmes in which Jefford offered explanations to clear himself.

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BOYS KILL SNAKE SAVE SMALL RABBIT

Clyde Nankervis and Billie Gilbert two small boys of Grass Valley, who had recently spent a week end in the woods, returned bringing with them a small rabbit which they rescued from the tightening coils of a bullsnake. Responding to the squeals of the rabbit the boys located the combatants in the brush and killed the snake to save the rabbit. A companion snake which was nearby was also killed.

The boys brought carcasses of the two snakes with them to prove their story.

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NATIONAL HOTEL ARRIVALS

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CAMPTONVILLE NEWS NOTES

Camptonville, May 11—Judge and Mrs. W B Meek spent Sunday visiting relatives in Oak Valley

Fred C. Kendall motored to Nevada City Sunday

Julius E. Pauly motored to Marysville Monday

Fred J. Joubert visited in San Juan Tuesday

Ed Lang has recovered from the flu.

William O Grant is spending a few days in the lower country.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hamilton and daughter vistied in Downieville Sunday

Mrs Acton Cleveland motored to San Juan Tuesday on a visit.

L. Ramm motored to Nevada City Thursday.

Frank Silver of Bandy City was in town Tuesday

Not much interest centered on the election held Tuesday, less than 50 per cent of registered voters coming out.

M. G. Calvin, Joe Halkyard and L. iBshop have gone to the Halkyard mine for a few day's work.

W Marsh of Indian Hill mine passed through town Thursday enroute to his home in San Francsico.

C. J. Scanlon Jr, and G Lemmon passed thru enroute to their mine at Indian Hill

A small quantity of mining equipment was stolen the last few days from the claim of A H Behrens and Emil Verch of Oregon Creek.

J C. Watson of the Altaview mine left Saturday for Sacramento on a week end visit

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Imagine her embarrassment when the door opened and she was face to face with a meter reader. "Oh," she shrieked, "I was expecting the ice man."

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HIGH SCHOOL PLAY WAS A HUGE SUCCESS

The play "Tweedles" which was presented by the high school class of 1932, last evening, as their annual farce was a huge success. The characters in the play were well sustained, showing careful training and talent. Mr. Sweeney, the instructor is to be complimented upon the fine showing made by the students.

Jim Davis and Betty Bettles were particularly clever in depicting their parts.

FRENCH CORRAL

French Corral, May 10, 1932—Well, we mortals are hard to please—One day complaining of too much rain and cold and the next too much heat.

It certainly was summer time today and yesterday, and the mercury went up with a bound, and did not stop until it reached 86 degrees.

From the number of prospectors who are in our midst, this place seems the center of activity.

With every available habitation occupied and four tents pitched under our road-side pines, our school attendance 14, with five from this place attending Nevada City hi, and several under school age, it would seem that our "ghost town" is far from dead yet. But this nation-wide depression has not slighted us altogether, and those who feel it keenest are trying to make the best of things and look forward to better times.

Election day passed quietly with but few over half the voters going to the polls. Perhaps the rain kept many at home.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Dalberg and Mrs. J. Kirkwood made a trip to Nevada City Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman and two children of Marysville made a trip through this section Wednesday. They had Bakersfield oranges for sale.

Mrs. K. Sullivan, Miss Nelly Sullivan, Mrs. A. Browning and son, Clyde, visited in Nevada City Thursday.

Ralph Thomas of Birchville surprised his friends recently by quietly joining the benedicts. He was treated to a charivari Thursday night but the joke was on the merry-makers, as Mrs. Thomas had gone to Pittsburgh. But Ralph proved a good sport, and a happy evening was spent. However they promise there is more coming when Mrs. Thomas returns.

A match game of baseball between the San Juan Stars and a Forest City team was played at Tabor's field Sunday afternoon, with the San Juan Stars as winners. Score 26 to 4.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Moulton wetn to Marysville "Mothers Day", to visit with relatives.

Mrs. K. Williams and family of Camptonville visited friends in Birchville Sunday. Mrs. Williams was teacher of the Birchville school last term.

Mrs. J. M. Swazey spent the week end with her husband in French Corral. Their friends thought a charivari was in order for them, and sprung a complete surprise by assembling at the home of Mr. Neilson where they were spending Sunday evening. They were treated to their full quota of music (?) from the various instruments that accompany a charivari. After the musical program was finished the guests were invited in, games were played, and later refreshments were served and a very pleasant time was enjoyed.

Miss Irene Browning and brother, Billy, who were among the Nevada City high school pupils who went to San Francisco Saturday to see the fleet returned to their home Sunday night. They report having a wonderful time, the pleasure of which was all too short.

Elmore Haslett, who has been visiting at the home of his father in French Corral during the week, returned to his home in Clarksburg Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Garnett anu baby of North San Juan are camping in French Corral.

Dick Lease and R. L. Prather of San Bernardino are camping in French Corral.

Mr. Gill, representing the Utah Woolen Mills, had business here Monday.

John Shaheve, who has spent the past winter here, left for Cherokee today, Tuesday.

Mr. Gent the Rawliegh man had business here today.

Lloyd Haslett Harry and Clyde Browning made a trip to the Mt. Alta mine this evening. Clyde remained as he has secured employment there.

BRADLEY SPEAKS AT OROVILLE MINE MEETING

State Mineralogist Walter W. Bradley is the speaker at the Kiwanis Club "open house" held in Oroville today

Bradley is in Oroville in connection with the exhibit to be made by the State Division of Mines, which will be housed in the exposition building. The valuable and interesting display by the state department will fill two large show cases and a display of maps and pictures of mines and mining locations will be made.

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NEVADA CITY MUST BUILD!

Each day the housing situation in Nevada City is growing more acute, and so far there has been no answer to the problem except from Grass Valley, which plans to make the most of the situation and is offering to build homes there for Nevada City people or anyone else to live in; in fact it already has several buildings under construction as an initial gesture of new progress.

In Nevada City we have really more opportunity to grow than has our neighbor city, and we have the wherewithal if we will only use it. We have an excellent and adequate local lumber company, and plenty of live-awake builders' supply stores. We have plenty of contrctors and plenty of labor. And all these commodities are probably cheaper than they will ever be again, if we can accept the presepts of United States history. With oil nd the stock markets, and manufacturing, in their present condition, it is certain the next decade will feature mining, particularly gold. This district has many known quantities of ore, and is sure to be exploited during that period or longer. Too many persons here seem to believe the present activity is only a very temporary affair. Others say that the only ones coming here are those seeking employment and without funds, and yet a survey shows that most people in town are pying their rent; and local merchants as a whole are able to pay their current bills, which cannot be said for many other Calfiornia cities today. Others say they do not see what all these people are doing here—there is nothing going on! However, they ARE here, and most of them ARE paying their way. And many are turned away because they refuse to live in tents. Most people today travel with an automobile and a suitcase—it is impossible to distinguish those who have funds and might want to stay and those who have not. The only thing which really tells the story is that each day sees many seeking places to live.

This is the county seat, and its people surely should have sufficient faith in it to invest at least enough in new homes to take care of only a normal growth—let alone a probable rapid growth if building should get under way. Nevada City MUST either go ahead or let another do so—it can't simply stand still. Who will start the ball rolling?

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THE YELLOW METAL

Gold—a blessing and a curse to mankind. It has brought order out of chaos and put business and trade on a solid foundation. It has made possible, in the beginning, the exchange of commodities most necessary to man, like breadstuffs, spices, cotton, linen, silk and manufactured products, and has transferred them from the places where they were plentiful to the remote places where they were scarce. It has caused adventurers to span the seas in its search, thereby laying out, charting routes of travel for civilization to follow, and encompass the globe. It has caused amity and also war among nations. It adorns the affluent and fills with delight and greed of the miser. It bestows a sense of greatness upon large possessors of it and makes millions of common people bow their knees and worship it as a god. Alchemists of all ages have devoted their lives to the task of trying to produce it or reproduce it from baser metals and the search for the means to transmute common ingredients into gold has always been in vain. It is indestructible; you may burn it, cut it, saw it, file it, or use any other method known to man to exterminate it; yet all will be futile, as there will always be just as much gold as when one started trying to annihilate it, and every grain of gold will defy destruction. It is part of eternity.

Not being able to understand the ingredients from which it is composed, or why it is being formed in the bowels of the earth, or means by which large quantities can be produced to satisfy man's insatiable desire for it, civilization has set it up as a medium of exchange or measuring stick by which the productivity or the worth of human effort is being measured. However, in our complex state of society it has failed mankind in its greatest need and has proven a false standard, producing misery, want and poverty every time it becomes scarce and new supplies are not being found to keep up with the growing populations. Granaries are filled with foodstuffs; immense quantities of cotton, linen and silks are rotting in warehouses; coffees, spices, produce fish and breadstuffs are dumped in the seas; yet millions of human beings go hungry, naked and in want of the necessities of life because of the scarcity of our modern god—the gold supply of the World — whose growing ratio does not equal civilization's need for it, to act as a medium of exchange for the commodities so lavishly produced in quantities to do every inhabitant of our globe — or can be produced in quantities to do so—all the wants, necessities and luxuries ever hoped, dreamed or prayed for, by men.

All our other mediums of exchange, like silver, copper and paper currencies, are all guaranteed by a certain pile of gold in the vaults of the Government authorities which represent as a guarantee of exchange about 75 per cent of all curr encies outstanding, and whenever this accumulation of yellow metal diminishes through drafts on it to settle foreign debts, the prices of commodities drop, workmen are discharged from employment, factories close down, business comes to a standstill and poverty, suffering and misery follow in its wake.

Economists of the old school defend the approximate 75 per cent ratio of gold necessary in the vaults of the Government to protect the values of our other curriences; but modern thinkers know otherwise. Gold coins as an internal means of barter have ceased to be indispensable, and gold at present only serves to settle foreign debts created through Government policies, and import and export business transactions. Our own population has just as much confidence in our Government silver dollar, nickel or copper token or paper greenback as they have in a $20.00 gold coin for settling the daily internal business transactions, and no one questions or refuses to accept any one of the other currencies in place of gold. So that the remedy is plain. Let us keep enough gold in the Government Treasury to represent 75 per cent of our mediums of exchange necessary for settlement of our international business transactions or foreign debts, and as for our domestic needs let us dilute the amount of gold to be kept as a guarantee for our internal mediums of exchange, and instead of an approximate 75 per cent ratio of gold, let us for instance decide on a 30 per cent stock, and let the balance in the form of additional curriencies be distributed in the channels of trade through our Federal Reserve and National Banks, in order to make money cheap and human effort and productivity high. This will tend to relight the fires of industry, put our unemployed back to work, build modern homes, clothe the naked, feed the hungry and give every inhabitant of our land the maximum of comforts and conveniences.

We admit that this is inflation; but so would it be if undreamed of mines of this precious metal, gold would be discovered tomorrow and heaps of it added to our Government's vaults; so just the failure of finding adequate stocks should not deter us from doing away with our depressions and in bringing the blessings of plenty and the comforts and conveniences that our modern era produces, to all the inhabitants of our land. If inflation will do away with unemployment; cure disease, want and suffering; increase knowledge and the love of the beautiful and artistic; bring health, happiness and contentment to all people, and obliterate the faults of our civilization, then by all means let us hasten the era of "utmost inflation."

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PLATINUM VALUES GOOD

Louis Peterson, one of the owners of the Old Gold mine near Brush Creek in Butte county, believes that the first milling of ore during this month will show more platinum values thatn gold.

They have driven a tunnel 600 feet into the mountain, and timbering is keeping up with the excavation. The mine is being drained by gravity. Local men are financing the opening up of the property.

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WILLIAM HOGARTH WAS SNOW BOUND FOR SEVERAL MONTHS

William Hogarth is in Nevada City for the first time since last fall. He has been snowed in all winter at his mining property 10½ miles east of Camptonville. There was four feet of snow for a mile on the road as he came out, but the warm days will soon melt it.

Mr. Hogarth's property is three miles east of the Brush Creek mine and close to the north fork of the Yuba river. He said the rivers and hills are full of prospectors looking for the precious yellow metal.It is hard rough work, many working in the streams that are soaking wet all day long as they handle the gravel and the large boulders. Many are just making a living, while others are making a few dollars a day.

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